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## New Zealand

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **Reconsider Travel** to New Zealand without prior authorization from the New Zealand government. Entry restrictions are in place to prevent the introduction and spread of COVID-19. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in New Zealand.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 3 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 90 days.

### US Embassy/ Consulate

[64] (4) 462-6000; United States Embassy Wellington, 29 Fitzherbert Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington 6011, New Zealand; AucklandACS@state.gov;

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<https://nz.usembassy.gov/>

### Telephone Code

64

### Local Emergency Phone

111

### Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

Temperate with sharp regional contrasts

### Currency (Code)

New Zealand dollars (NZD)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): I



Type  
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### Major Languages

English, Maori, Samoan, Northern Chinese, Hindi, French, Yue

### Religions

Christian 37.3%, Hindu 2.7%, Maori 1.3%, Muslim, 1.3%, Buddhist 1.1%, other religion 1.6%, no religion 48.6%

### Time Difference

UTC+12 (17 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in September; ends first Sunday in April; note: New Zealand has two time zones: New Zealand standard time (UTC+12) and Chatham

Islands time (45 minutes in advance of New Zealand standard time; UTC+12:45)

<b>Potable Water</b>	Yes
<b>International Driving Permit</b>	Suggested
<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Left
<b>Tourist destinations</b>	Fiordland National Park & Milford Sound; Bay of Islands; Queenstown; Lake Taupo & Tongariro National Park; Lake Matheson; Lake Pukaki; Mount Cook National Park; Fox & Franz Josef Glaciers
<b>Major Sports</b>	Rugby, cricket, netball, basketball, soccer, sailing
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	An extended index and middle finger together expresses disdain and frustration.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	Tipping is uncommon in restaurants unless the service was excellent. Some restaurants provide a tip jar on the counter. Tipping is uncommon in taxis, but you may round up the fare. It is not customary to tip at hotels.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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